

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, October 21, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Pro-tem Kicklighter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Opening: Councilmember Campbell gave the invocation and Mayor Pro-tem Kicklighter led City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members: Mayor Pro-tem Bessie Kicklighter presided. Council Members: Councilmember Bruce Campbell, Councilmember Rosetta Cody, Councilmember Marcia Daniel, Councilmember Debbie Ruiz and Councilmember Kim Tice. **Absent:** Mayor Don Bethune

Mayor Pro-tem Kicklighter said Mayor Bethune is out of town.

Staff: Ron Feldner, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Rhonda Ferrell Bowles, Clerk of Council; Ron Alexander, Planning Director; Cliff Davis, Public Works Supervisor; Gil Ballard, Chief of Police; Corbin Medeiros, Fire Chief; Jackie Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator; Pam Franklin, HR Director; and Chris Snider, IT Technician. **Absent:** Benny Gooze, Public Works Director; Ben Brengman, IT Director; and Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director.

Presentation- Red Ribbon Week Proclamation: City Manager presented a proclamation proclaiming October 23-31, 2019, as Red Ribbon Week.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Pro-tem Kicklighter opened the floor to received public comment from the audience. There being no questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Pro-tem Kicklighter closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

Public Hearings:

Alcoholic Beverage License Application: Mayor Pro-tem Kicklighter opened the public hearing to receive public comment on an alcoholic beverage license application by K. Amin to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Jasmine 17, Inc. 4928 Ogeechee Road, Garden City, Georgia. There being no questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

Alcoholic Beverage License Manager Application: Mayor Pro-tem Kicklighter opened the public hearing to receive public comment on an alcoholic beverage license application by Z. Patel to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Garden City Mini Mart, 403, U.S. Highway 80, Garden City, Georgia. There being no questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Bethune closed the public hearing.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 10/7/19 and workshop synopsis dated 0/14/19.

Staff Report:

Director of Planning presented the Planning Department's Report for the month of September.

Director of Public Works presented the Public Works Department's Report for the month of September.

Chief of Police presented the Police Department's Report for the month of September.

Fire Chief presented the Fire Department's Report for the month of September.

City Manager's Updates & Announcements: City Manager said the IT Director has been authorized to bring the contractor in to redo the PA system in the courtroom. He said this is a budgeted capital improvement project for 2019.

Items for Consideration:

Second Reading - Ordinance, Charter Amendment: Clerk of Council read the second reading of the heading of an ordinance to amend Article IV, Section 4.11, of the Charter of Garden City, Georgia, to create and define the office of Chief Municipal Court Judge and Associate Municipal Court Judge; to provide for service agreements and maximum terms of office for the Municipal Court Judges and Judges Pro-tem.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

Resolution, Engineering Services - Spivey Avenue Water Line Upgrade: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council to authorize the City Manager to hire the engineering firm of Thomas and Hutton Engineering Company to develop plans, solicit bids, evaluate contract proposals, and provide construction administration services in connection with upgrading from two-inch wide to four-inch wide the City's water line running eastward from the Sharon Park Drive water main along Spivey Avenue to the east.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, City of Ethics Re-Certification: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council to re-adopt the ethics principles approved by the Georgia Municipal Association Board.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, GEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Award: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council to accept a hazard mitigation grant from the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$54,265 for the purchase and installation of a fixed generator for the City's Water Pollution Control Plant to ensure continuity of critical wastewater services during flooding emergencies; to authorize the payment by the City of a local match in the amount of \$9,576; and to authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents relating to the grant.

Upon motion by Councilmember Ruiz, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Lists of Electors: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council to certify the lists of electors and inactive electors provided by the County Board of Registrars and finalized through the assistance of staff and others, be hereby certified to be the list of electors entitled to vote at the upcoming election subject to the outcome of any pending or future challenges which are authorized to be made pursuant to State Law.

City Attorney said under the State law the Board of Registrars has to provide the City a list of electors and a list of inactive electors no earlier than the fifth Monday prior to an election for the City to check the accuracy of the lists. City staff reviews the lists and identifies in writing to the Board of Registrars the names of any persons on the list of electors who may be disqualified due to the property being commercial, etc.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Bid Award - Chatham Villa Subdivision Street Drainage Improvements: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor and City Council to award a contract to the low bidder Mill Creek Construction for the performance of the contract work at the price of \$98,500; to authorize the City Manager to engage the services of Maxwell Reddick & Associates for construction inspection services at the estimated cost of \$10,000 ; and to authorize the City Manager to executed contracts for the contract work and the construction inspection services.

City Manager said this project is being undertaken after years of study and evaluation with the assistance of Councilmember Campbell on drainage problems.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Alcoholic Beverage License Application: Motion to approve an alcoholic beverage license application by K. Amin to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Jasmine 17, Inc., 4928 Ogeechee Road, Garden City, Georgia.

Upon motion by Councilmember Daniel, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council voted unanimously to approve the application.

Alcoholic Beverage License Manager Application: Motion to approve an alcoholic beverage license manager application by Z. Patel to sell wines, beer and/or malt beverages at Garden City Mini Mart, 403 U.S. Highway 80, Garden City, Georgia.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to approve the application.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Transcribed & submitted by: Clerk of Council

Accepted & Approved by: City Council 11/4/19